

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Memorandum of Conversation

TELEPHONE

DATE: July 2, 1954
6:50 p.m.

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SUBJECT: Guatemalan Situation
Inter-American Peace Committee

PARTICIPANTS: Ambassador Thomas E. Whelan, Managua
Assistant Secretary Henry F. Holland

COPIES TO: The Secretary
General Smith
Mr. Murphy

Mr. Holland said that he had just talked with Amb. Paul Daniels in Mexico City who told him that the other four members of the Inter-American Peace Committee were very anxious to come on back to Washington. Amb. Daniels said that their feeling was so strong that he makes the following recommendation: that the Foreign Ministers in Nicaragua and Honduras cable the IAPC in Mexico saying that (in his case) Nicaragua withdraws all complaints that it has made against Guatemala and feels that it is unnecessary for the IAPC to come there and congratulates the IAPC because its presence in Mexico has undoubtedly contributed a great deal to bringing about an agreement in San Salvador. Amb. Daniels said that if the Committee receives such cables they will issue a public statement and come on back. Since the other four members of the Committee want to come back he felt it unwise for us to oppose it. Amb. Whelan should urge that that Government get out such a cable tonight. The cable should be addressed to Luis Quintanilla, Chairman, IAPC of the OAS, Hotel Prado, Mexico City.

Mr. Holland asked if he had any word about Colonel Castillo Armas' whereabouts. Amb. Whelan said that he thought President Somoza was getting in touch with him. Also that Amb. Peurifoy was waiting for him in San Salvador. Mr. Holland reported that Mr. Krieg had said that literally thousands upon thousands of people were lining the streets waiting to give a hero's welcome and it was a darned shame that the opportunity had been lost. Mr. Holland agreed, saying that they would have been welcomed with a tremendous ovation. Also that they should get there tomorrow at the latest to take advantage of the favorable situation. Amb. Whelan said he thought President Somoza is going to be able to get in touch with Castillo Armas. He also said he would see the President at once on the cable to the IAPC.

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